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Applicants: TAKAO et al.
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Group: 3746
Examiner: P. Hamo

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 17, 2008

Sir:

This is a statement of the substance of the interview conducted with Examiner Patrick Hamo on September 16, 2008.

The amendments to independent claim 11 contained in the Amendment filed September 8, 2008 were discussed. Applicants' attorney pointed out that claim 11 has been amended to recite a first motor for driving a plunger of the first pump and a second motor for driving a plunger of the second pump and that the plungers of the first and second pumps may be driven at different speeds from each other. A further discussion was held concerning the manner in which the amended claim distinguishes over Bez, U. S. Patent No. 5,482,443. The Examiner agreed that the recitation of the first and second motors distinguish over the cited Bez patent.

A discussion was also held concerning the language in the last line of claim 11 which had been objected to by the Examiner both in a prior

interview and the Office Action mailed April 7, 2008. The Examiner agreed that the amendment which changed the claim to read "a flow rate of the liquid taken into the second pump" overcomes the Examiner's objections.

The courtesy of the Examiner in granting the interview with Applicant's attorney is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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